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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for annotating a system having a display for displaying a page having objects being intermixed with markup tags, said objects and said markup tags being stored in a non-modifiable portion of a file, said mark-up tags bounding said objects, comprising the steps of:

receiving a designation of an object of said objects on the displayed page; receiving an annotation; said annotation being modifiable;

determining a position of the object in the non-modifiable portion of the file regardless of said markup tags bounding said object;

storing the position and the annotation separately from the non-modifiable portion of the file.

- 2. (Original) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the designation of the object is received through interaction with a stylus.
- 3. (Original) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the designation of the object is received through interaction with a mouse.
- 4. (Original) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the annotation is a highlight.
- 5. (Original) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the annotation is a bookmark.
- 6. (Original) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the annotation is a drawing.

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7. (Original) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein the annotation is a text annotation.

8. (Original) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein said determining step comprises the step of:

counting the number of bytes from the beginning of the non-modifiable portion of the file to the selected object.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1,

A computer-implemented method for annotating a system having a display for displaying

a page having objects, said objects stored in a non-modifiable portion of a file,

comprising the steps of:

receiving a designation of an object of said objects on the displayed page; receiving an annotation;

determining a position of the object in the non-modifiable portion of the file; storing the position and the annotation separately from the non-modifiable portion of the file;

wherein said determining step comprises the steps of:

counting the number of bytes from the beginning of the non-modifiable portion of the file to a first object on the displayed page object;

counting the number of bytes from the first object on the displayed page to the selected object;

adding the number obtained from said first counting step to the number obtained from said second counting step to determine the file position of the object in said file.

- 10. (Original) The computer-implemented method according to claim 1, wherein said annotation is an annotation of said object.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program used in conjunction with a system having a display for displaying a page having objects being intermixed with markup tags, said objects and said markup

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tags being stored in a non-modifiable portion of a file, said mark-up tags bounding said objects, said program comprising the steps of:

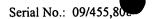
receiving a designation of an object of said objects on the displayed page; receiving an annotation, said annotation being modifiable;

determining a position of the object in the non-modifiable portion of the file regardless of said markup tags bounding said object;

storing the position and the annotation separately from the non-modifiable portion of the file.

- 12. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the designation of the object is received through interaction with a stylus.
- 13. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the designation of the object is received through interaction with a mouse.
- 14. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the annotation is a highlight.
- 15. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the annotation is a bookmark.
- 16. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the annotation is a drawing.
- 17. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the annotation is a text annotation.
- 18. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein said determining step comprises the step of:

counting the number of bytes from the beginning of the non-modifiable portion of the file to the selected object.



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19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 11, A computer-readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program used in conjunction with a system having a display for displaying a page having objects, said objects stored in a non-modifiable portion of a file, said program comprising the steps of:

receiving a designation of an object of said objects on the displayed page; receiving an annotation;

determining a position of the object in the non-modifiable portion of the file;

storing the position and the annotation separately from the non-modifiable portion of the file;

wherein said determining step comprises the steps of:

counting the number of bytes from the beginning of the non-modifiable portion of the file to a first object on the displayed page object;

counting the number of bytes from the first object on the displayed page to the selected object;

adding the number obtained from said first counting step to the number obtained from said second counting step to determine the file position of the object in said file.

- 20. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the annotation is an annotation of the object.
- 21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon data structures comprising:
- a first data structure having non-modifiable content, <u>said non-modifiable content</u> including a plurality mark-up tags associated with an object for displaying a page;
- a second data structure having modifiable content, said second data structure including at least a third data structure having a file position indicator that references a file position in said first data structure and a fourth data structure including an annotation being modifiable.

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22. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein the annotation is relevant to the object at said file position.

- 23. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon data structures comprising:
- a first data structure having a non-modifiable content portion and modifiable content portion, said non-modifiable content portion including a plurality mark-up tags associated with an object for displaying a page; said modifiable content portion including at least a second data structure having a file position indicator that references a file position in said non-modifiable content portion and a third data structure including an annotation.
- 24. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 23, wherein the annotation is relevant to the object at said file position.